

October 19, 2006

Water Management Act Blue Ribbon Panel  
c/o Executive Office of Commonwealth Development  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1010  
Boston, MA 02114

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have recently become aware of the report you are undertaking on the implementation of the Massachusetts Water Management Act Guidance Policy. We have also been informed of constraints on economic development as a result of withdrawal and use limitations contained in the policy. We understand you will be seeking comments about the economic impact of the standards and rules contained in the policy as soon as this Friday.

Given this, we have formed an ad hoc group to review the Act as well as DEP's guidance policy for it and their impact on Massachusetts. We will be asking officials of the administration to help us understand the law and its implications. We hope to learn more about its history and its public policy goals. Additionally, we would like to examine the science supporting both the policy goals and the standards. Finally, we plan to review the process that was used in adopting the existing guidance policy.

Given your mandate to examine the implementation of the act and our desire to better understand how the law functions and its impacts, we would like the opportunity to complete our review and then meet with you in a constructive dialogue. Unfortunately, with the current timetable you are on, we will be unable to participate in an informed fashion this Friday. Nevertheless, we anticipate a vibrant conversation once we have met with officials responsible for the program and we independently examine the impacts of the policy.

Please feel free to contact us through John Pourbaix. He can be reached at (781) 551-0182 or [jpourbaix@cimass.org](mailto:jpourbaix@cimass.org).

We are looking forward to a constructive discussion and helping you complete your mission.

Sincerely,

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